

Frederick County Commission For Women

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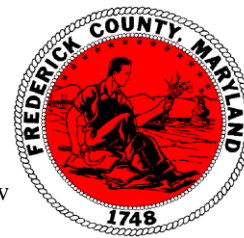
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Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2013

7:00pm

Winchester Hall, 3rd Floor

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Commissioners Present: Sharon Dobson, Cher Woehl, Valerie Dougherty, Diana Halleman, Christine Ferguson, Linda Roth, Jennifer Charlton-Shuldes, Hebba Hassanein, VeraLynn Morris, Cynthia Miller and Susan Mender.

Absent Commissioners: Tish Honse, Natalie Abbas, Olga Hernandez-Smith, and Shellome Walters.

Guests: Terry Smith (Volunteer), Marcela Perez (Volunteer), Pat Owens (MD State Women's Commissioner), Connie Harris (Intern), Maria Shuck (ED Centro Hispano de Frederick), Cathy Mitchell, Viv Wayne (Volunteer) and Leslie Barnes (Liaison from Frederick County).

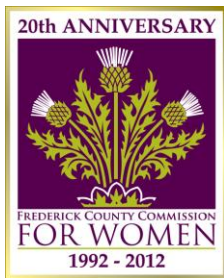
I. President's Report and Announcements

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- b. **January 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes** Commissioners Susan Mender moved and Christine Ferguson seconded approval of January 2013 minutes with one typographical change (the spelling of a name in the last paragraph). Motion passed.
- c. **Calendar of Events** – Commission President Dobson asked that if there are any changes/additions/deletions to the calendar to please let her know.
- d. **Announcements:**
 - Cathy Mitchell asked if the FCCFW would recommend candidates for the Distinguished Young Woman Scholarship Program (was the Jr. Miss program).
 - International Women's Day will be celebrated at All St. Episcopal Church from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on March 8th. FCCFW will have a table at the event.
 - A volunteer was sought to represent FCCFW at the "1 Billion Rising" Family Partnership event at 11:45 to 1 p.m. on 2/14/13. Commissioner Charleton-Shuldes agreed to attend on our behalf.
 - Commissioner Ferguson reminded the group that February is Black History Month and should be added to the calendar.

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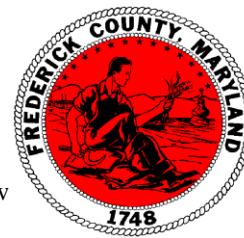
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- There will be a benefit for Heartly House on Feb. 20th at Hollow Creek Golf Club.
- Viv Wayne told the group that Delta Sigma Theta will be presenting the 2nd Women's Multicultural Conference on April 20th at the Hampton Inn and Suites on Opossumtown Pike.
- Speaker(s): The speakers for tonight were Maria-Teresa Shuck, Executive Director of Centro Hispano de Frederick and Angela Spencer, President of the Human Relations Commission.

Financial Report – There was no report this month although President Dobson reminded the commissioners that we had purchased a \$500 sponsorship for the “Clutch the Future” event on March 16th at FCC. As a sponsor, we receive 4 tickets to the event. Commissioners Charlton-Shuldes moved to offer the tickets to any commissioners who desired to attend. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. It was decided that the tickets would go to Commissioners Sharon Dobson, Jennifer Charlton-Shuldes, Veralynn Morris and Christine Ferguson.

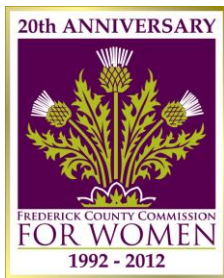
Committee Reports/Special Projects – Reports were delivered by the following Committees: Legislative, Recruitment, Marketing, Outreach, and 2012 Maryland Women's Conference.

- **Legislative** – Commission Hassanein said that the committee agreed to recommend that the FCCFW support the federal Violence Against Women Act now in Congress. They also asked that we review the data and consider supporting the Paid Sick Leave Act now in the Maryland Legislature. Information will be emailed to the commissioners for review. Pat Owens said she would share any legislative updates she gets with President Dobson for dissemination to the rest of the commissioners.
- **Recruitment/Volunteer** – Commissioner Mender reported that she had acquired a good list of possible interns from the Hood Service Fair
- **Marketing** - No report.
- **2012 Maryland Women's conference** – Commissioner Dobson sought volunteers to help with the next conference in

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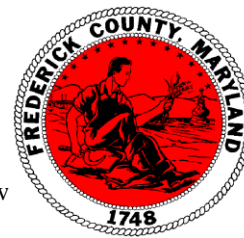
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the fall. 2013 is the 5 year anniversary of the conference and we will be seeking a new venue and high value speaker.

- **Outreach** – Terry Smith report that April 15th is the Human Relations Commission's Annual Banquet and they will be celebrating Lord Nickens' life. It was also noted that Hayden Duke, Board President of Centro Hispano, would like to do an immigration summit in the near future.

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• Old Business –

- Leadership Alliance Dinner is March 28th and Hood will partially sponsor the event. It will also be a 20th anniversary celebration.
- MWC – Will be held at the Holiday Inn FSK Mall on Saturday, Oct. 26th once contracts are approved. There will be a brunch with a keynote speaker. Theme: Jobs, Health & Money – How Women Can Have it All.
- Bylaws Revision – Vice President Woehl presented the Bylaws revisions that had been reviewed and approved by the County attorney. Commissioner Charlton-Shuldes raised a question about the voting issue (elections in January with officers taking positions in July). Vice President Woehl explained that all the bylaws are governed by county code and recommended by the county attorney. Commissioner Charlton-Shuldes stated her objection to the section regarding the election. After much discussion, a motion and an amended motion, the amended motion was withdrawn and a motion was made by Commissioner Halleman to accept the bylaws as recommended. It was seconded by Commissioner Hassanein and passed unanimously.

- 4. Adjournment**– A motion was made by to close the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. The next public meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2013.

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